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Security of Military Circles in West

1. The following information is being furnished to you from a source who has numerous international connections and whose information is of great value in connection of political intrigues in Western Germany. The information contained herein must be treated with utmost secrecy so as not to compromise our source who has a direct channel to these circles on an old friendship basis. The report covers the period from June 1949.

2. The Morgenthau Circle is said to have a group in Europe headed by Professor Max HUSMANN who resides in Zurich, Switzerland, where he has a boys' school by the name of "Institut Minerva".

3. The following two men belong to the more intimate circle around HUSMANN: Baron Luigi PARILLI, special envoy of the Sovereign Order of Malta in Rome and present chief of the Malta Mission in Munich, and former SS and SD Fuehrer Eugen DOLLMANN. Both PARILLI and DOLLMANN maintain a steady and active connection to HUSMANN in Zurich where they are frequent visitors. During the war all three worked for the German SD and the Gestapo. It is strongly suspected that this group is at present working for the British IS, but no definite proof exists.

4. At the end of March or beginning of April 1949, HUSMANN was called to Washington for consultation and given new instructions regarding his policy in Germany. He was told that in future he was to limit his support of certain circles or tendencies in western Germany to an absolute minimum because these circles were to be dropped in the near future.

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5. HUSMANN's return from Washington coincided with PARILLI's resignation from his post as envoy of the Malta Mission in Munich. However, the foreign secretariat of the Order of Malta reinstated PARILLI as chief of the mission around the middle of June 1949. PARILLI is aware of the existence of ODEUM and knows of ODEUM's connections to the Malta Mission in Munich.

6. Constantin CANARIS, a nephew of Admiral CANARIS and at present under indictment as a war criminal in Belgium, former German Ambassador RAHN, as well as Cardinal SCHUSTER of Milan, are unanimous in considering PARILLI as one of the biggest and also most unscrupulous agents. Moreover, former SS-Obergruppenfuehrer Karl WOLFF confirms the fact that during the war PARILLI worked for the German IS for large sums of money.

7. Source also learned that the Morgenthau Circle regarded the retirement of General CLAY as one of its greatest successes. It is claimed that CLAY arrived in Germany as a friend of the Morgenthau Circle and left Germany as a friend of the Germans. He is said to have accepted the existence of a German intelligence organization, and in the course of his career had become a thorn in the eyes of the Jews. This Circle is placing great hopes in the new American High Commissioner for Germany, McCloy, in order to persuade him to abolish or at least reduce this German IS organization.

8. Closely connected with the HUSMANN-PARILLI-DOLLMANN circle are: SS-Obergruppenfuehrer WOLFF, Gero von GAEVERNITZ, former General ROETTIGER - Chief of Staff under Field Marshal KESSELRING in Italy - and the former tank general von MANTEUFFEL. WOLFF undoubtedly plays the leading role in this circle especially within Germany. He has access to all the existing SS-groups. Our source learned that the leader of the presumably large SS-circle, Obergruppenfuehrer STEINER, had placed his entire circle at the disposal of WOLFF.

9. GAEVERNITZ who lives in Switzerland, recently received the visit of Allen DULLES who was on his way to Iraq and Iran. In connection with this talk GAEVERNITZ told that he (GAEVERNITZ) was to be the successor of DULLES in Europe. Our source learned of this talk directly from WOLFF who in turn got it directly from GAEVERNITZ. This is to show how closely the leading SS-circles have approached the above-mentioned Morgenthau Circle and how great an influence they could exert on the latter.

10. In June 1949 GAEVERNITZ appeared before the Spruchkammer in order to intercede on behalf of WOLFF with the argument that leading personalities in USA would welcome an early release of WOLFF. Meanwhile WOLFF has been sentenced but should be released in about 3 months because the time of his arrest is to be deducted from his prison term.

11. GAEVERNITZ with the aid of WOLFF was also able to bring about a reconciliation between KESSELRING and ROETTIGER who had drifted apart owing to a difference in military conception. To the question

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why GAEVERNITZ ever went to all this trouble, he replied: "For the sake of the future." KESSELRING who is still a prisoner and cannot be included in this circle, is said to receive support from PARILLI in order to effect his release upon a fresh review of his sentence. Source asserts that the reason behind this latest attempt for the release of KESSELRING is the intention of putting him "on ice" in some place where he would no longer be available to the West. (This information is to be treated with great reservations.)

12. So far von MANTEUFFEL has not played any important role in this circle but he is frequently seen in the company of members of the circle.

13. Guido ZIMMER, allegedly PARILLI's private secretary but who, according to his own statement, has only business dealings with PARILLI, is frequently seen in connection with former SS-groups. ZIMMER was active for the SD to the end of the war and is probably acting as liaison to the above-mentioned circles. However, he personally is unimportant and not of sufficient stature to take the initiative and thus become dangerous.

14. For a better understanding of the above information it is recommended to read the Italian book "La Resa Degli Ottocentomila" (The Surrender of the Eight Hundred Thousand) with the memoirs of PARILLI about the "Sunrise Operation", by Ferruccio Lanfranchi. Copyright 1948 by Rizzoli & Co., Milano.

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